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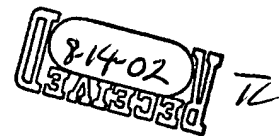
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in Response to the Office Action dated January 14, 2002 and the Office Letter of July 19, 2002. The Response is substantially the same as the Response originally dated July 9, 2002 except for the first section of Version with Markings to Show Changes Made as requested by the Legal Instruments Examiner in the Office Letter of July 19, 2002.

Kindly amend the subject application as follows, in view of the comments set out below.